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RE: *U.S. Patent Application No. 10/730,363 entitled "PLANTS AND SEEDS OF CORN VARIETY LH324" – William D. Griffith*
Our reference: HFSC:016US
Client reference: 34-52 (51647)

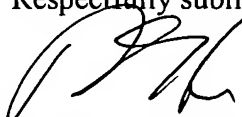
Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and reference C30.

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In re Application of:
William D. Griffith

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§ 1.97(g), (h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be

construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

LH324 was developed from the initial single cross of LH172 x LH283 by selfing and using the pedigree system of plant breeding. Yield, stalk quality, root quality, disease tolerance, late plant greenness, late plant intactness, ear retention, pollen shedding ability, silking ability and corn borer tolerance were the criteria used to determine the rows from which ears were selected during the development of LH324.

LH172 and LH283 are both proprietary field corn inbred lines of Holden's Foundation Seeds, L.L.C., of Williamsburg, Iowa. On August 31, 1993 PVPA certificate #9200249 was awarded for LH172. U.S. Patent No 5,276,266, issued January 4, 1994, also protects LH172. On May 29, 1998, PVPA certificate #970078 was awarded for LH283. U.S. Patent No. 5,773,683, issued June 30, 1998, also protects LH283.

The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the appropriate fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/HFSC:016US.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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	C30	Plant Variety Protection Certificate No. 9200249 for Inbred Corn Line LH172, issued August 31, 1993.

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